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Early in the week and throughout the week prices were unchanged to higher. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand remained light to good and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand for additional heavy nest runs was rated as mostly good with sellers holding product with confidence. Offerings were tight to adequate and breakers in need were bidding over the high side of the current quoted range. Floor stocks tight to just adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Light type fowl satisfied current slaughter requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	97-100	91-95	62-64
New York	72-74	69-72	55-58
Philadelphia	66-72	64-70	51-55
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-59	43-44
Jackson (1)	71-72	67-68	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-86	70-84	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	62-67	61-66	46-51
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-64	57-62	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-83	77-79	55-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	100	90	76
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	68.44	66.06	53.01
SOUTHERN	65.99	61.21	48.69
MIDWEST	55.72	54.45	44.79
WESTERN	85.09	77.79	69.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	71.20	67.11	56.88

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-26-00	09-19-00	09-28-99
Large	39-41	33-35	28-30
Medium	24-26	24-26	11-13

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 25,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	12.2	6.0	12.2	7.8	49.3
	Change	1.4	1.0	0.5	-0.8	0.9	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	31.0	13.3	26.1	21.2	117.8
	Change	6.1	-8.7	2.7	-2.5	0.1	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	45.0	66.0	43.9	66.6	96.6	318.1
	Change	13.7	-3.9	-8.3	-5.9	6.3	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	39.1	17.1	21.0	28.6	118.2
	Change	-0.2	6.8	-0.5	4.1	1.8	11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	7.1	3.9	4.1	5.6	24.6
	Change	-1.7	0.2	0.9	-2.1	1.1	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	18.7	6.8	12.6	5.6	48.5
	Change	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.6	-0.3	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.8	44.7	16.0	28.3	36.9	149.7
	Change	2.9	-0.7	-3.9	2.3	2.5	2%
Total	Curr Wk	127.2	218.8	107.0	170.9	202.3	826.2
Percent	Change	21%	-2%	-7%	-2%	7%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	826.2	2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	428.7	-1%	39
Total Shell Egg	1254.9	1%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Sep-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,217,566	27,221	12,009	6,693	2,786	4,328
PW	1,234,193	27,975	12,569	6,282	2,831	4,067
LY	1,238,060	30,311	10,941	5,890	2,639	4,029
% PW	-1	-3	-4	7	-2	6
% LY	-2	-10	10	14	6	7
2000	44,445,024	1,001,061	449,323	241,493	109,452	147,663
1999	42,002,677	970,409	400,763	218,384	98,319	132,796

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.27 41.24 41.33

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 23-SEP-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENTCHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	216.8	2	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	523.9	1	10
W.N. CENTRAL	265.3	4	15
S. ATLANTIC	191.8	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	70.1	-9	-5
WEST	181.6	-1	-17
TOTAL	1,449.5	1	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 89

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	SEP 16	SEP 23	SEP 16	SEP 23
	Thousand			
AL	*27,358	27,274	*21,322	21,605
AR	29,472	27,969	23,246	22,947
DE	3,748	3,865	*4,467	4,859
FL	*2,570	2,524	*2,361	2,065
GA	*31,280	28,444	*24,304	24,296
MD	7,213	7,973	*5,706	4,615
MS	16,340	17,334	15,149	15,065
NC	16,530	17,388	14,036	13,380
PA	*3,570	3,332	*2,443	2,619
SC	4,842	4,758	4,128	3,987
TX	13,287	13,277	11,304	11,251
VA	5,410	5,944	*5,035	5,239
CA, TN, & WV	*9,570	9,974	*9,256	9,060
15 State Total	*171,190	170,056	*142,757	140,988
Previous Year	168,805	166,904	140,982	140,037
	101	102	101	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Nov-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 146.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.81 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/21/00-09/27/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	50.88	55.20	47.08	48.88	53.18	49.00	45.00
GNR W 2	38.50	—	—	40.88	38.00	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	37.50	38.20	40.13	6.00
GL W XL	50.00	54.00	51.50	53.67	50.47	55.00	14.75
GL W LG	50.50	52.64	53.00	54.00	49.63	—	17.75
GL W MD	—	—	35.63	39.43	33.50	36.33	17.75
GL W SM	—	—	23.79	25.21	—	—	4.75
NRBS - 48	33.50	38.33	—	—	35.60	—	10.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.00	—	—	27.45	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-SEP-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.1	24.0	5	-13
BOSTON	3.3	4.0	-18	-41
CHICAGO	50.8	53.4	-5	26
DETROIT	21.8	25.0	-13	-25
KANSAS CITY	4.6	2.9	59	31
LOS ANGELES	91.9	101.3	-9	6
NEW ORLEANS	9.0	7.4	22	2
NEW YORK	37.1	33.9	9	5
ST. LOUIS	12.3	14.9	-17	-21
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	21.1	5	8
TOTAL	278.1	287.9	-3	1
4 WK MVG AVG	281.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-SEP-2000

	YOUNG (A) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD TOTAL BREEDERS
	-----THOUSANDS-----			

HEAD	2,352	3,009	60	23	5,444
AVG WT	15.71	31.57	24.59	27.67	24.62
LAST WEEK	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
SAME WEEK YR AGO 5,763(B)			23	49	5,835
AVG WT	24.51(B)	24.74	26.06	24.52	
TO-DATE/2000	178,672(B)	1,060	1,059	180,791	
TO-DATE/1999	182,466(B)	582	1,369	184,417	

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.
 (B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS				WEEK ENDING 23-SEP-2000			
—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG		RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT		---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	867	5	22.00	(A)	(A)	872	22.00
S ATL	869	-1	26.11	(A)	(A)	874	26.11
N CENT	2,423	0	27.08	(A)	(A)	2,428	27.08
S CENT	612	10	18.95	(A)	(A)	616	18.95
WEST	650	17	22.20	(A)	(A)	654	22.20
U.S.TOTAL	5,421(B)	3	24.61	0	23	5,444	24.62
TO DATE							
2000	179,566(B)			166	1,059	180,791	
TO DATE							
1999	182,993(B)			55	1,369	184,417	
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.							
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 60,000 for the year 1,060,000; last year to date 582,000.							

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	155,155(A)	1,718	1,658	3,376	495
AVG WT	5.03	3.26	7.99	5.58	6.51
LAST WEEK	160,820	1,813	1,570	3,383	405
YR AGO	155,941	1,994	1,657	3,651	506
AVG WT	5.04	3.48	7.72	5.41	6.49
TO-DATE/2000	5,880,556	73,070	54,852	127,922	16,905
TO-DATE/1999	5,762,583	80,116	52,776	132,892	16,827

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157 million head or 6.8 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-00

	CURRENT WEEK 09/30/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/23/00
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	156,882(2)	159,439
LT HENS	1,617	1,659
HVY HENS	1,585	1,670
TOTAL	160,084	162,768

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Sep-00 is 150.2 million head compared to 155.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.2 million head or 7.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 07-Oct-00 the estimated available is 150.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 19	160.5	157.2	102	4.83
26	162.6	154.3	105	4.91
SEPTEMBER 2	159.9	151.1	106	4.80
9	136.5	148.8	92	4.87
16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
YEAR TO DATE	5954.5	5849.3	102	
SEPTEMBER 30		150.2		
OCTOBER 7		150.9		

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 25-Sep-00	4,268	160,624	77,114
AM 1-Aug-00	4,051	167,385	75,915
CHG	217	-6761	1199
PCT CHG	5	-4	2

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 09/25-09/30/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	47.00-51.50	51.10	46	54.23	81	
Los Angeles	67.00	65.78	59	60.55	181	
New York	49.00-52.00	50.63	32	54.87	63	

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	76	76.00	25
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	74-77	74-75	74.50	20
CENTRAL REGION	71-74	71	71.00	80
WESTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
25-Sep-00	18-Sep-00	18-Sep-00	27-Sep-99
57.72	-1.44	59.16	54.46
NUMBER OF LOADS	671		

MONTHLY 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
SEPTEMBER	58.35	2794.20

QUARTERLY 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

JULY-SEPTEMBER	56.78	8468.00
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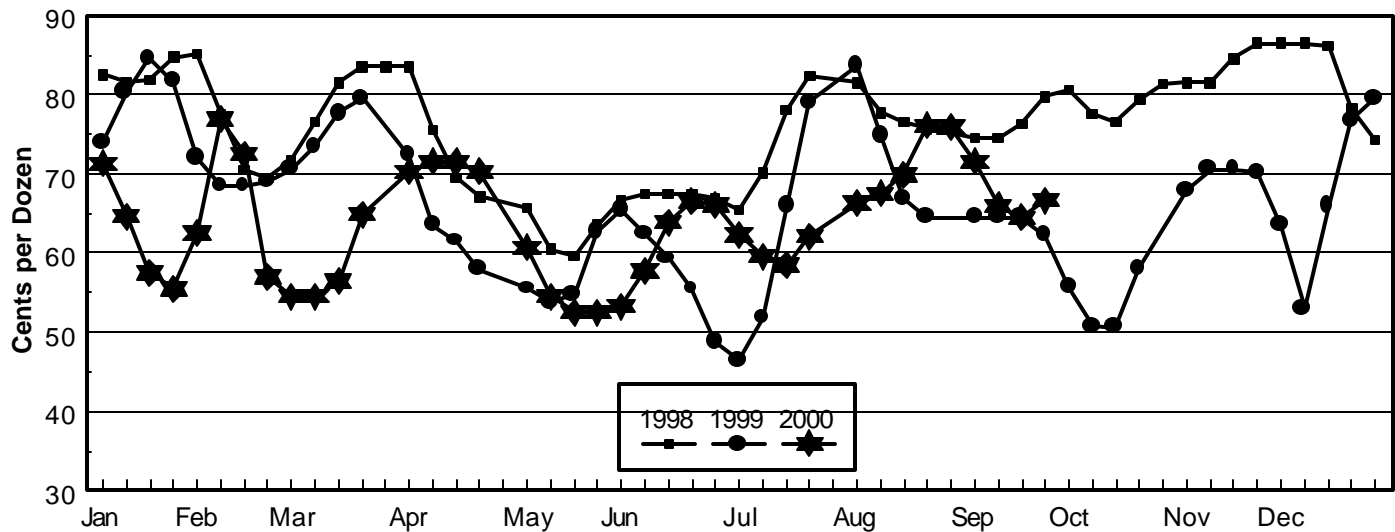
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
09/25/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	2.25-9.5(1)	2.25-6	4.86
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	3-10(1)	5-7	6.56
09/22/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

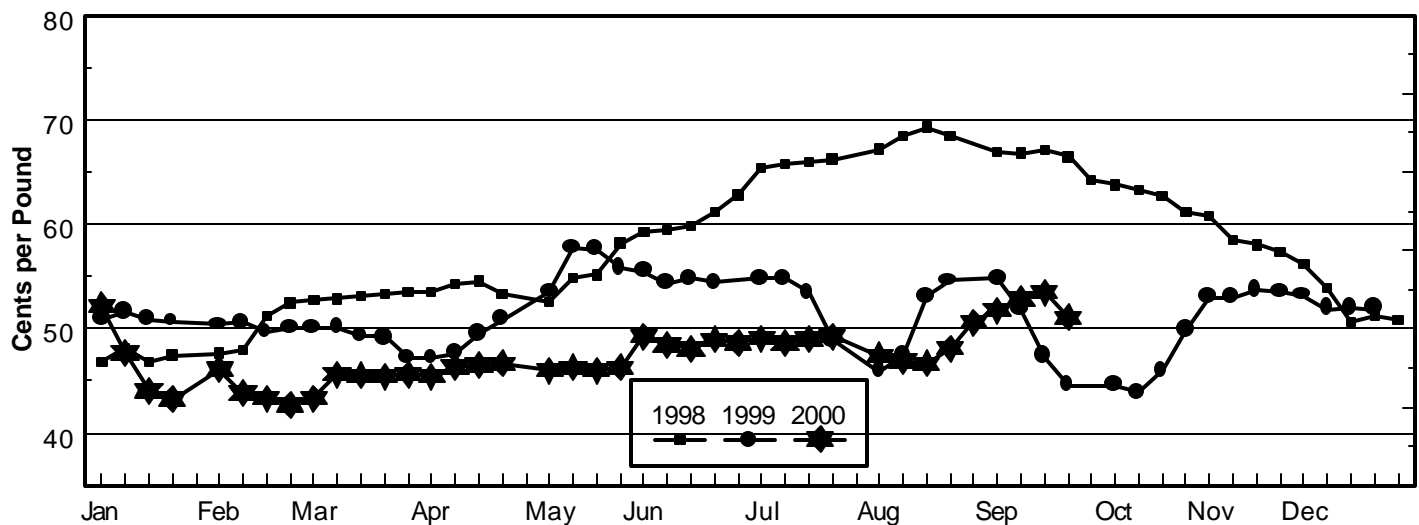
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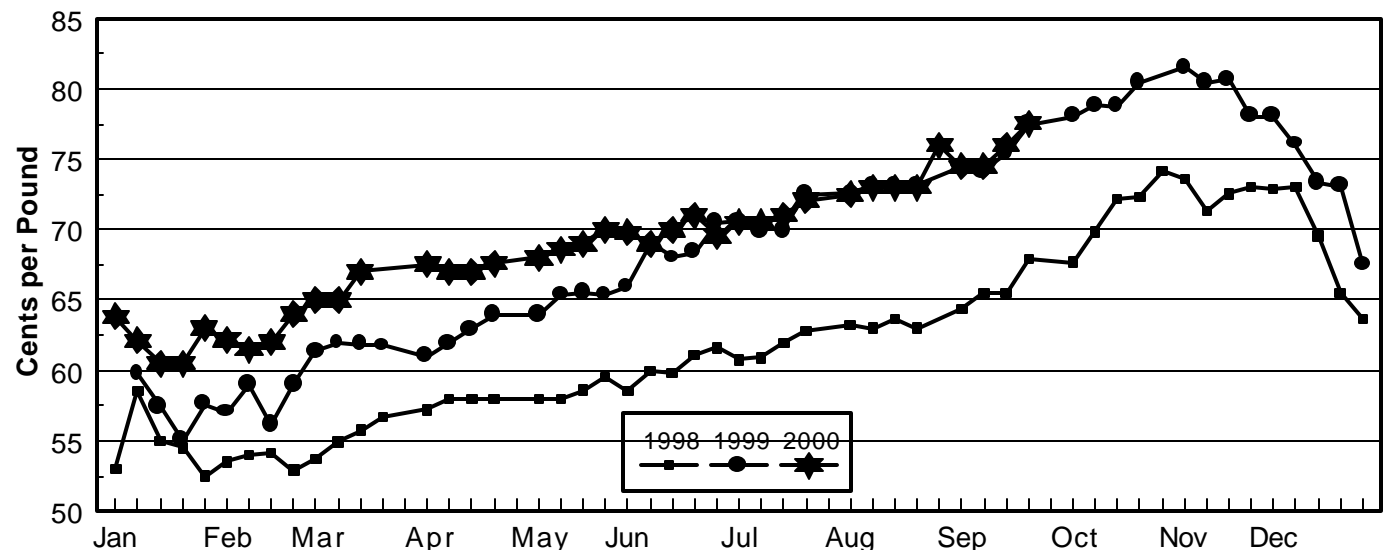
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.